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Assistant Commissioner For Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the five references cited on the attached PTO-1449. These references were cited in a Search Report of October 30, 2000 from the European Patent Office in conjunction with the corresponding PCT patent application. The applicants enclose a copy of the European Search Report, and the cited references. Consideration of these references is requested.

The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

An early indication that these references have been considered is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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